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Club has just over one month to make big decision

BY SYLVIA COLE
 Review Staff

The future of Didsbury Curling Club has come into question after a recent quote to replace the busted compressor, which keeps the ice cool, came in at \$82,000.

Town council sat down with members of the curling club executive last week to discuss numbers and the possibility of cost sharing.

"The concern (for us) is that the compressor is

strictly for the curling," said Mayor Brian Wittal. The compressor broke down in the fall and the two ice rinks and curling sheets have been running off the other two compressors in the building.

"We've had upgrades of about \$10,000 because they're working full time," he said. Council has set aside money to fund half of the repairs but is looking to the club for help cover the rest.

"We asked them - are the

members committed to paying increased fees to help pay for this unit? We don't need this unit for the other facility. We're prepared to look at cost-sharing with them," said Wittal.

President of the club, Amanda Gosselin said the club of about 140 members, needs to sit down to figure things out. Their annual meeting is coming up in April and she wants a chance to discuss everything with members and re-evaluate what should

be done.

"We need to see if it's something manageable. A compressor can be a significant cost for us," she said after the meeting on Monday. Gosselin said the group was still waiting to hear from the town what the exact numbers would be.

"Until we can crunch the numbers we can't know. It could be a rent increase or cost increase ... This will be the first of many discussions," she said.

The club is just coming up

to the end of their lease with the town at the end of this month and are losing a few members of their executive next year. With all the different changes, Gosselin said there's still a lot that needs to be considered.

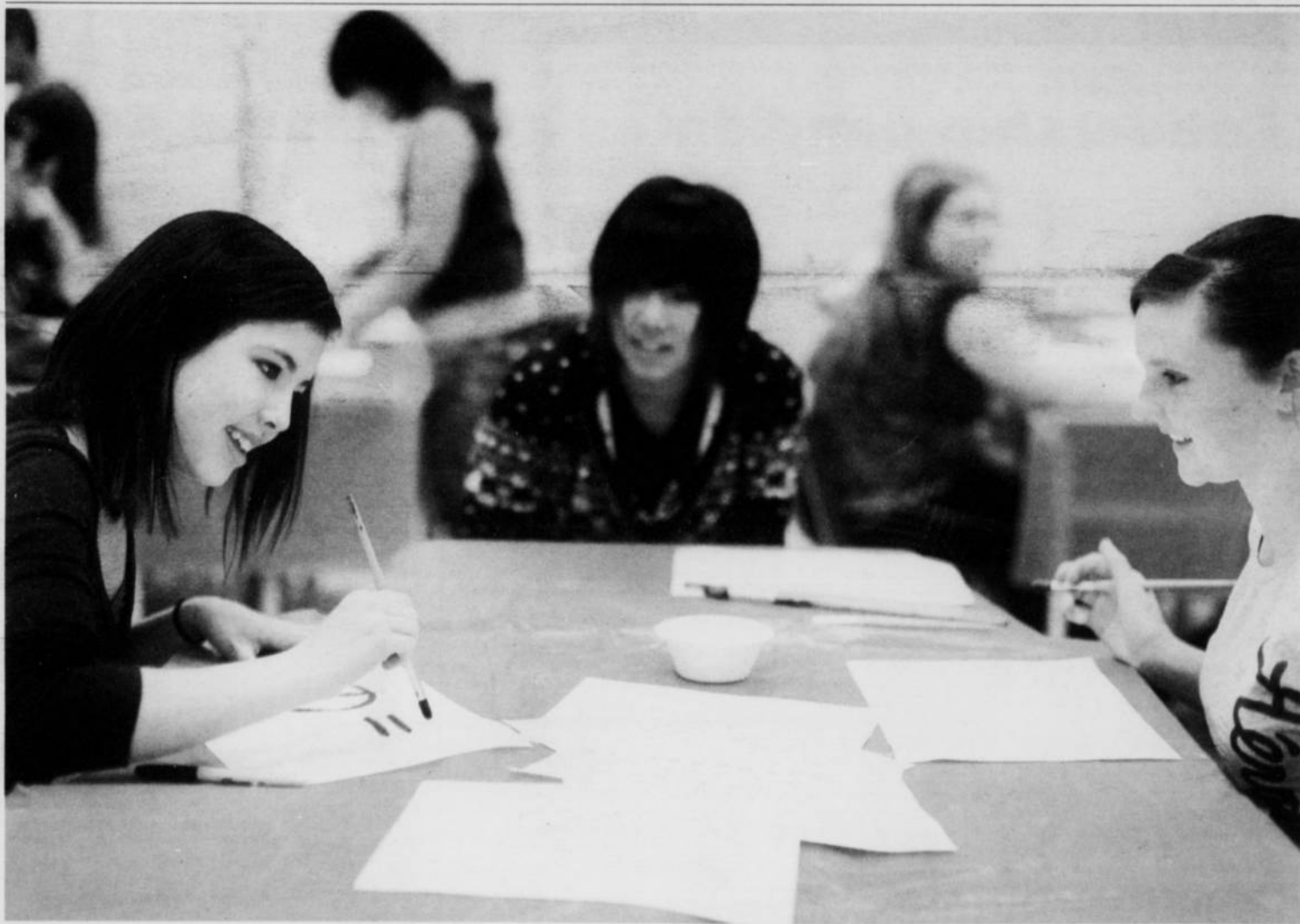
But the clock is ticking. Wittal said in order to get the project tendered and completed before next season begins, they'll need to hear a decision in the next 35 to 45 days.

"Do they have to double, triple their fees or will peo-

ple say no and go to another town? I'd hate to see that happen but we can't just put money in the hopes that it will continue to survive," said Wittal of a sport he sees as declining in popularity.

The club started fun nights this year as a means to draw more people into the sport.

"Has the club talked about the future. If this doesn't work does it shut down? It's a hard question that has to be tossed out there. ... If it closes, it's done."



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Students find creative way to raise money for Japan

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Four students have taken upon themselves the task of raising awareness, and money for relief in Japan.

In one fundraising event, Kassi Taylor, Briana McCord, Chelsea Kidd and Tyler Chomyn collected more than \$300. And they're not done yet.

"I'm in love with Japan,

and everything to do with the country and the culture," said Grade 8 student Kassi Taylor. "When I heard they were hit by the earthquake and the tsunami I felt so bad. There are

all these people with no food and no homes. And I just wondered, what would it be like if this happened to us?" Taylor was one of the students face-painting last Thursday. The fee was

a dollar, but most students were lining up and passing over bills or a handful of pocket change.

"I never thought we'd raise this much," said Tyler Chomyn, looking over the jar filling up with money during the first hour of the morning. When Chomyn heard three of the girls were spearheading the face-painting fundraiser, he decided to help out and provide information to fellow students.

"A lot of people in Japan are poor now. My grandparents live in Tokyo. They are doing well but they have no electricity right now," he said. "I was born in Japan so I wanted to do something for my country."

And the students are still collecting money today during toonie hat day, where students pay two dollars to wear their hats in school. Once they've finished collecting money, they'll be donating it to the Red Cross.

"If we start everyone's going to want to be involved. It takes one person to start a reaction," said Briana McCord.

Students are the only

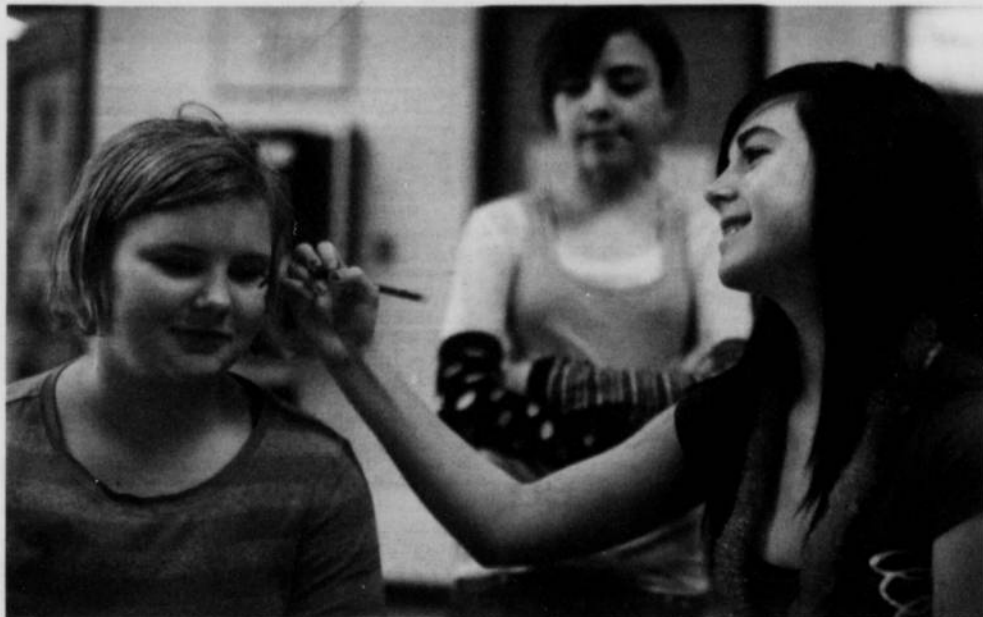
ones in town doing their part to help Japan that was hit with an 8.9 magnitude earthquake March 11, causing major damage and triggering four metre waves in Japan and a tsunami warning across the Pacific coast.

Town council decided Tuesday to donate \$1,000 from their public relations budget.

"We're twinned with a Japanese town that has in some way or another been affected. We're hosting their children here. I think it's incumbent upon us to lead the way maybe a little more than average," said councillor LaVar Adams.

Donations are also being accepted for the Red Cross at the Royal Bank of Canada and The Bakery in town.

The Japanese Red Cross has a network of over two million registered volunteers. More than 80 health and disaster relief teams are currently on the ground providing emergency medical assistance, assisting in evacuations and distributing urgently needed supplies including more than 30,000 blankets.



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Grade 6 student Korbryn Berg has her face painted by Grade 8 student Briana McCord during a fundraiser for victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan at Westglen School on Mar. 17.

Leadership candidates attend local AGM

BY PAUL FREY
For the Review

Three of the four leadership candidates for the provincial Progressive Conservative party attended the local annual general meeting for the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding

on Thursday at the Olds Royal Canadian Legion.

Doug Horner, Doug Griffiths and Alison Redford all attended the meeting while Ted Morton, who also planned to come, sent his regrets.

The candidates gave the large audience brief

speeches about why they believe they should be the next leader of the party.

Horner said while the party has taken some hits over its handling of various issues over the last while as the government, he said party energies should be

re-directed toward talking about party tenets and not get caught up in what critics have to say.

"I want to re-unite the party around the principles we hold dear. It's time we start talking about the (principles) of our party," he said.

Horner invoked former premier Peter Lougheed as a staunch party stalwart who always used principles to guide the party.

"We need to be leaders on the world stage. We have boundless opportunity in our oil and gas sector," he said.

Horner said compassion and hard work built the province and said the resources Alberta has are exactly what is in demand, especially in agriculture and energy.

"We're blessed with what the world will want," he said.

Horner said while human, natural and financial assets should be protected, others will judge the government on how it treats seniors and newcomers.

He said the role of government is to support good ideas.

"My vision for this province is to unleash the (power) of this province," he said.

Rival Doug Griffiths said communities need to be supported, so they remain strong.

"The need for firing up our communities ... is paramount. What we need is strong communities," he said.

Griffiths said he wanted to talk about the future, not about the past. He said he sees five priority areas for the province: education, environment, transforming government, health care and re-invigorating the party. He said capturing the imagination of younger voters was a key part of his focus.

"Our future is bright and we're going to do great things," he said.

Alison Redford said it's

important for party members to remember that they are electing a leader for the next few years.

"It's a time that matters an awful lot to Alberta and a time that matters to party members," she said, noting that because of the PCs much has been accomplished in the province, including the establishment of the universities.

Redford said the party needs to articulate a vision of health care and other issues that reflect people's priorities.

"We know what issues Albertans care about ... and that's what we have to talk about as a government," she said.

Government must be more responsive to the estimated one million new people that have come to Alberta over the last 10 years, Redford said.

"Our job as a party is to listen to the people ... and then present those (ideas) to government," she said.

Investing in research will be a key priority, as will be supporting the innovative entrepreneurs across the province who are developing ideas in both conventional and alternative energy.

Redford said she would also like to rely on home-grown labour to fill the gaps in the labour market and not have to rely on people that come to the province temporarily.

Redford said she is excited to be talking about her vision for the province in the run-up to the leadership vote.

"I think we're going to have an awful lot of opportunities to have conversations (in the future)," she said.

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Budget set and projects outlined

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Didsbury 2011 budget has been set and approved. Council agreed to a 3.85 per cent increase to both residential and non-residential tax rates that will bring in \$160,000 in reserves. The rate, a decrease from the proposed four per cent presented during budget deliberations February sat well with council members.

"...(We) brought it down to 3.85 per cent that's indicative of what we're trying to do — make it workable for everybody in town. ... I'm happy with that," said coun LaVar Adams. The increase will mean roughly \$75 more per year for tax payers with an

average assessed property of \$270,000. Council still has to set the mill rate, slated for April's council meeting.

Didsbury's operating budget totals \$7.5 million. Of this amount 7.3 is for general operations and \$207,000 is allocated to various reserves. The total operating budget represents an increase of \$387,000 over the 2010 budget.

The biggest expenditure for the town is staffing, with salaries taking 39 per cent of the budget. Council decided not to implement a blanket cost of living increase to the staff. Other projects include an increase of \$60,000 for the economic development budget to advertise tourism and the

CMI land development, now named "Shanz Crossing." Council hopes to change the current ratepayer ratio of 90 per cent residential and 10 per cent non residential to 70 residential and 30 non-residential by attracting new businesses to the CMI land. Council is also budgeting for a \$79,000 increase in the marketing and advertising budget to increase communication between residents and business partners and to promote Didsbury as the place to do business. Council has also committed an additional \$60,000 for repairs and maintenance, \$35,000 of which is to replace the curling rink compressor. Council reduced \$159,000 from expenditures geared towards telephones, con-

tracted services, general supplies and professional services.

The capital budget is set at \$6.3 million. Big projects include the \$1.7 million wetland storm facility project in the north industrial area of land. The town funds one third of the project with the province and federal government paying the remaining two thirds. The town purchased the CMI Lands for 1.72 million where they plan to move the fire hall and public works department in the future. And \$230,000 will be spent on complete infrastructure replacement for 20th avenue between 20th street and 21st Street.

Total revenue sits at 8.2 million with total expenses at 7.5 million.

Project lifts off with funds secured

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Wynne Wollen is in disbelief. After heart problems that left Wollen needing a cane to move around, she hasn't seen the upstairs of the Didsbury Museum since 2004.

Having grown up across the street, attending the school as a child and then working as a librarian upstairs as an adult before it became the museum, getting the chance to revisit the rooms that have been a huge part of her life, is like a dream come true.

"I can't believe this happened ... all the memories are up there, and I love every bit of it," she said. "It's been a high ladder to climb to get the money necessary for the elevator."

On Thursday afternoon Wildrose MP Blake Richards stopped by the museum to announce \$71,000 in federal grant money would be used to install an elevator at the 104 year old facility.

It was the final chunk of change friends and volunteers of the library needed to start the \$113,850 project.

"It was unfortunate to have such a treasure trove of artefacts and displays from Didsbury's history out of reach for so many people for no better reason than the fact they were unable to climb the stairs to the upper floors to see them,"

said Richards.

Without the elevator visitors to the museum — including mothers who have young children in strollers, disabled or injured persons, or seniors needing assistance — are unable to enjoy the second-floor exhibits because they can't get up the stairs. And with the bathrooms being all the way down in the basement, it's a long and treacherous walk to get down there for some, said museum director, Rob Steer.

"Many of our supporters are from the lodge and don't have the mobility to go up and down the stairs," he said.

Exhibits upstairs that have been off-limits for some include a 1900s-era schoolroom and an agricul-

tural display that features equipment ranging from a blacksmith's forge, to harness and tools used but the early settlers to clear the land.

And it would still be off limits without the support of Wollen's family members. In 2008, her family surprised her on her 85th birthday with a \$3,100 cheque to go towards the installation of an elevator. Since then, the museum collected \$15,800 from the town and county and through donations and also secured \$27,000 in grant money from provincial funding.

When asked how soon before construction will begin, president of Didsbury District Historical Society, Frankie Kelly

answered in a split second. "Right away," she said. The next step is to have the design approved by the Alberta Minister of Culture, she explained. The design has to show that the elevator won't damage the historical significance of the site. Kelly isn't anticipating any problems. She's already had Melissa Schmidt, Heritage Conservation Advisory, who submits the report to the minister, into the museum to examine the building. All the paperwork is in place, Kelly was just waiting to secure the final funding and she now hopes everything will fall right into place.

"This is major ... The minute the minister says it's ago, we're starting," she said.



Members of the Didsbury and District Historical Society met up with Wildrose MP Blake Richards and Mayor Brian Wittal on Thursday to receive final funding necessary for building an elevator.

Recruitment plan ups doctor count

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

A recruitment program started three years ago aimed at increasing doctor numbers in Didsbury is still being offered today. During a February council meeting council approved a \$50,000 loan to the Rosebud Health Foundation which will be given to a doctor currently

set up and practising in town. Due to the Freedom of Information Act, the doctor's name won't be released said CAO Roy Brown.

"With the program we didn't want to make it unfair ... to people already here," said Mayor Brian Wittal of the decision to allow doctors that didn't take the loan initially to be able to use it

at a later point in their practice.

When the program started in 2008 the town was down to two doctors. Currently there are six doctors in Didsbury and five have taken advantage of the loan.

The loan, offers the doctors \$50,000 interest free with the \$10,000 taken off if the first \$40,000 is paid in the first

four years.

"We decided to do this instead of an upfront signing bonus. That way we're hopefully getting people who want to be in small town and want to live here and be here," said Wittal. The decision was made when doctors were getting offers from communities all over Alberta for work and the competition was stiff, he said.

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Poison warning messages must get through

DAN SINGLETON



The old adage that kids will be kids is good and well when it comes to such things as game playing and even harmless mischief.

But when it comes to some other things, parents and other caregivers have an ongoing and vital responsibility to keep youngsters safe from hazards they might get into.

One such area is poison control and the need for every kid to know that poisonous materials are simply and always out of bounds.

Health Canada has designated March 20 - 26 National Poison Awareness Week, a time set aside to educate children about the danger signs and what to do if a poisoning occurs.

Like parents and caregivers across Canada, those in West Central Alberta would do well to use this week to make sure all household poisons are well and truly out of reach of children.

Under Canadian law, poisonous materials of all kinds must contain warning labels that are clear and concise. Knowing how to recognize those warning labels and how they should always be obeyed can be a big part of keeping kids safe.

There are a few simple messages every kid should be taught when it comes to poison warning labels and symbols:

- Hazard symbols mean Danger! Do Not Touch!
- Hazard symbols can be found on containers in the house, in the garage, in the yard and at school;
- Hazard symbols can be different colours and sizes
- Hazard symbols are always on the front of the container and near the bottom of the label;

Despite the warnings, poisonings do occur and making sure kids know what to do about them is also vitally important.

"Children should know there are many people who can help in an emergency," says Health Canada. "If there are grown-ups nearby like parents, grandparents, caregivers, babysitters, teachers, Block Parents or group leaders, they can go to these people for help."

"Children should also learn to call the emergency services number in their community. This could be 911 or another designated number."

Children should be told that situations that might be emergencies include someone choking or having difficulty breathing, someone who won't wake up, someone who ate or drank something that is making them very sick, or someone complaining of a burning feeling to the skin or eyes.

Children should be told that if they are not sure if it's an emergency, they should always call for help.

There are some things kids can figure out for themselves - but poison control isn't one of them, and as such it's up to parents and caregivers to make sure these vital safety messages get through.



Commentary

Canadians failing democracy

The proclaimed eruption of democracy in Northern Africa seems to have been a little premature, but one could be forgiven for such optimism, as we might not quite recognize what democracy truly is - the will of the people. Though we claim to be a democratic society, in truth we have a watered-down version, known as a representative democracy - we elect others to make decisions for us.

Our version has some major flaws, which have recently come to light with the Stephen Harper government being held in contempt of Parliament. Though the government of the day makes up the executive branch of government, it is still responsible to the people's representatives in the House of Commons. This government seems to have ignored this fact again. Yet this democratic deficit cannot be laid entirely at the government's feet as the opposition parties, worrying about their chances at the election polls, have let them off in the past. It's a flaw of the party system and one can only wonder if they will do this again.

Yet, this deficit is more than just

irresponsible government. The hallmarks of a democracy, even a representative democracy, are the rights and freedoms of the citizens. You cannot have a democracy without them. The people must be allowed to assemble, associate and express themselves publicly to allow debate over the issues. But recently we have seen such rights and freedoms suppressed by armed and organized paramilitary units. Not in an underdeveloped country, but right here in Canada. The actions of the Toronto police at the recent G8 and G20 summits threatened the fabric of Canada's democracy.

The actions of the police were bad enough, but what has been worse is that Parliament has not spoken about it nor does it seem to want find out who was responsible. Its silence implies that it agreed with such oppressive acts. What does this say for Canadian democracy? To say and do nothing now means that it will happen again.

The Canadian public is just as complicit in the demise of Canadian democracy as they too have tacitly

allowed this to happen. Most Canadians believed the few rogue activists in the demonstrations and the incidents of vandalism and a burning car being televised warranted the removal of the rights of all the protestors. But this becomes a slippery slope, for to punish the innocent for a 'greater good' is an injustice and gives far too much power to a small segment of society, a power that, once given, is hard to claim back.

If government and its agents are not held accountable, if the checks and balances of the system are ignored, if we do not challenge, question and demand better of our government and if Canadians do not regain their voice and stand up for each other, we could soon find that we have lost what we seem to cherish most: our rights, our freedoms and our democracy. As John Diefenbaker once said, "I do not have to agree with what you are doing, but I will stand up for your right to do it."

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Letter to the editor

Daylight Savings not beneficial

Once again millions of school children will have their schedule disrupted as our clocks are re-adjusted to the new time designations.

There is a concern re lack of sleep among our teens, so who insists that twice a year we change

our clocks? Who benefits?

As we cannot manufacture one more minute of sunshine, electricity off in the evening needs to be turned on earlier in the day. Sleepy drivers cause mishaps and moms are left policing the children's sleep

patterns. Why do we continue this practice? Couldn't we just pick a time and stick to it?

Confused

Margaret Dunner,
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Proposed Bylaw #2011-03

Town of Didsbury Land Use Bylaw Update

A number of key recommendations have been made to the Land Use Bylaw that was presented for first reading at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on March 15, 2011:

- New definitions to clarify interpretation for residents and users;
- Enhanced regulations around development near and within the Flood Plain, Flood Fringe and Flood Way;
- Increased setbacks from Environmental Reserves to allow for public access and pathway development;
- Increased Landscaping Standards to maintain Didsbury's character in new development;
- Addition of Section 12.0 identifying the Central Core Heritage Plan Area;
- Dangerous and Hazardous Goods Storage direction;
- Clarified Permitted & Discretionary Uses in Land Use Districts;
- New Land Use District - R1SS to provide opportunities for rear garage suites in designated areas;
- Incorporated user diagrams with each land use to provide context for users;
- Updated development requirements for Manufactured Parks and Manufactured Subdivisions;
- Updated minimum and maximum Parcel Size for R4 Districts- Memorandum of Agreement and Intermunicipal Development Plan alignment;
- Eliminated select discretionary land uses in the C1 district to optimize land use in the retail and office space district; and
- Updating maps to include newly annexed regions.

A public hearing is scheduled for proposed Bylaw #2011-03 *Didsbury Land Use Bylaw* at 6:00 pm April 5, 2011 in Didsbury Council Chambers.

A copy of the proposed bylaw is available at the Town Office or online at www.didsbury.ca/town/proposedlandusebylaw

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for:

Lifeguard—temporary part-time (4 positions)

For more details about these positions and how to apply, please go to: www.didsbury.ca/town/careers.



DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Town Office: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm	403.335.3391
Public Works: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm	403.335.8343
Didsbury Information Line	403.335.2030
Town of Didsbury after hours pager	403.507.3624
Planning & Infrastructure	403.335.3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Community Services & FCSS	403.335.8719
Aquatic Centre and Arena	403.335.7369
Arena and Complex Rentals	403.335.7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	403.335.8578
Didsbury Landfill	403.335.2005
Chamber of Commerce Office	403.335.3265
Didsbury Library	403.335.3142
Didsbury Museum	403.335.9295

PUBLIC NOTICE - BUSINESS LICENSE HOLDERS

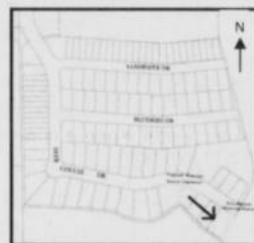
Please be advised that if you have not paid for your 2011 Business License by **March 31, 2011**, your business will no longer be displayed on the Town of Didsbury website under our Business Directory.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town of Didsbury office at 403.335.3391.

Deer Coulee Ranch 2 Disposition of part of Municipal Reserve Plan 081 0268 MR27 Public Hearing Notification

The Town of Didsbury will hold a Public Hearing on April 5, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Town of Didsbury Council Chambers located at 2037 - 19 Avenue regarding the disposition of a portion of the Municipal Reserve located in Deer Coulee Ranch.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform the public and gather information regarding the proposed Deer Coulee Ranch 2 disposition of a portion of the Municipal Reserve located in Deer Coulee Ranch. Eclipse Geomatics and Engineering Ltd. on behalf of their client Valleywest Homes Inc. is making application for disposition of Municipal Reserve of a 0.013 ha (0.032 ac) portion of Plan 081 0268 Block 4 Lot MR27 for the consideration of the new additional MR that has been added to the subdivision in phase 2.



Comments are actively being solicited and time will be set aside at this Public Hearing to take testimony from citizens who may feel that the proposed change in location of the Municipal Reserve land from the West portion of Plan 081 0268 MR27 to the East portion of the Plan area will affect the community.

Written comments may be sent to Box 790, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0 and must be post-marked by April 1, 2011.

If special accommodations are needed please contact Brittany Wickham, Manager of Planning and Infrastructure at 403.335.3391.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The Town of Didsbury is currently seeking quotes for the following:

RFQ 11-01	Trades Services
RFQ 11-02	Water Sanitary Repair Services
RFQ 11-03	Bulk Fuel Supply

Deadline for submissions is 1:00 pm Tuesday March 29, 2011.

For further information please refer to our website at www.didsbury.ca/town/tenders or call Mark Sture, CET, Manager of Public Works at 403.335.3391.

BYLAW CORNER

Attention Dog Owners

It's that time of year again and spring is soon upon us. With the warmer temperatures comes the melting of snow which begins to reveal what dog owners have failed to pick-up over the winter months. Memorial Park is enjoyed by all town residents throughout the year and is used as a great area for owners to walk their dog, so the issue is very obvious here. We ask pet owners to be courteous to others and pick up what your pet leaves behind and keep our community clean and safe for everyone.

Please be advised that failure to pick up your dogs defecation or failure to keep your dog on a leash will result in a fine of up to \$115.00



Peace Officer M. Trotter

Mayor's Corner

Reasons behind CMI purchase explained

Recently the Town purchased land located on the southeast corner of Highway 582 and 23 Street directly north of Morris Meadows, with the intent of developing commercial and industrial properties.

The land had previously been owned by Canada Minerals Inc. and had commonly been known as the CMI Land. In honour of our community's history, council has now renamed the area and the development will be called Shantz Crossing. In 1892, the Shantz family came west and founded the settlement of Didsbury through a program sponsored by Canadian Pacific Railway that offered tracks of land along the CPR line to willing Ontarians and immigrants.

Many people have been asking why council made the decision to purchase

the property. First, the Town had been getting a number of inquiries relative to the availability of industrial land in Didsbury and at the time, Didsbury didn't have any available land that would allow businesses requiring larger parcels. Second, council has been focused on reducing our reliance on the residential tax base. Ideally, a healthy community should have a tax base composed of 70 per cent residential and 30 per cent industrial and commercial. Our base is approximately 90 per cent residential and 10 per cent industrial and commercial. Therefore, in order to improve that ratio, Council intends to attract new business which in turn means having lands available for development. Third, the seller offered the Town a very attractive purchase price with the opportunity



BRIAN WITTAL

for a long-term low interest payment plan so that we could minimize any impact on taxes. Fourth, Didsbury has one of the most attractive and well supported downtown areas in the region. Council's vision is to build upon our heritage theme and redevelop 19 Street into a vibrant commercial area that will include parks, pedestrian walkways, increased parking, and will tie in with our existing downtown. This is a 20 year project but we

need to start sometime, and now is the time. That means we will have to move the Public Works yard and recycling centre which, in the years to come, will relocate to Shantz Crossing so that their existing location can be redeveloped. In addition, this development now provides alternative sites for those businesses along 19 Street who might feel their business is better suited to an industrial/commercial site. The final reason is that unless the deal was closed by the end of February of this year, the incentive available to the seller would have been lost and there would have been no reason to consider a sale until the market prices came back up. Therefore, the Town of Didsbury might have had to wait years before we had any new industrial and commercial land for sale.

In the past, the Town has been criticized for trying to develop industrial lands. Part of council's decision this time is that we currently have more expertise on staff than in the past. Our chief financial officer comes to us with financial experience gained while employed with a large private developer. Our manager of planning and infrastructure has development training and probably more importantly, we have hired an engineering group, Urban Systems, to lead our team.

The Town has had preliminary discussions with several businesses having local, regional and national presence, who have expressed an interest in locating their business at Shantz Crossing, however, details of these companies cannot be released due to confidentiality.

I can assure all resi-

dents that council is very aware of the residents living across Highway 582 in Morris Meadows and the potential impact this development could have on them. Our plan is to develop a commercial strip along Highway 582 that would block the sight line of the actual industrial area from Morris Meadows. As well, we will not allow companies that are not environmentally conscious or ones that will impose undue hardships on the people in Morris Meadows.

Although it may be considered ambitious, our goal is to have the park built out in five years. Council and administration feel the economy is turning around and are confident of what Didsbury has to offer and we are committed to providing resources to ensure that we meet our goal.

Notification of AESO Regulatory Filing Need for Transmission Reinforcement in the Red Deer Region

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) advises you of its intention to file a needs identification document (NID) with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to reinforce the transmission system in the Red Deer region on or after April 8, 2011.

The AESO has identified the need to reinforce the transmission system in the Red Deer region. Transmission development in the Red Deer region is needed for the following specific reasons:

- To alleviate existing constraints in the Red Deer region
- To enable the transmission system to continue to reliably meet the existing and growing demand for electricity



The map above outlines the Red Deer region and highlights the approximate potential development area.

The AESO presented this need and plans to address this need to residents, occupants and landowners near the proposed development and other stakeholders during a variety of consultation activities held from February to March 2011. The AESO has considered feedback gathered from stakeholders, and technical and cost considerations, and will apply to the AUC for approval of the need for this project. Once filed, the NID will be posted on the AESO website at <http://www.aeso.ca/transmission/22715.html>.

Please visit our website, www.aeso.ca for more information, or contact the AESO at 1-888-866-2959 or stakeholder.relations@aeso.ca.



VROOOM • Natalie Heinz of Didsbury Beavers shows off her homemade car at the Crossfield Community Center over the weekend. The Kub Kar Rally was the first of its kind in the area and had groups from Carstairs and Didsbury attend. Scouts and cubsmade their own car and raced them against other teams.

photo courtesy Pearl Rice

Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the

CITIZENS ON PATROL - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you.
To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.

Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• **5-0 Club Hall Rentals.** For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall**, Call Jim Wadel 403-335-3481. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall**, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community

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events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288. • **The Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589

ALANON: For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

ADULT HALL WALKING at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

PARENT LINK CENTER Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers

constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

(newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466

IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA - For fun, friendship and adventure for girls and women of all ages! Join anytime. Leaders are needed for all units, no experience necessary. Ages: Sparks 5/6; Brownies 7/8; Guides 9 - 11; Pathfinders 12 - 14; rangers 15 & up. Call Karen 403-556-6881 for more information.

FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS at the Elks Hall on Jan. 7/11- 7:00pm. ttn

BABY DROP-IN Didsbury Neighborhood Place. The 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:00-10:00 am. Great opportunity to have baby weighed, talk to public nurse, meet other parents. ttn

HUNTINGTONS Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhalu 403-335-9520. ttn

HIV EDMONTON - www.hivedmonton.com - For questions, information, support or news on events, call 1-877-388-5742 ttn

"BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS!" Mountain View Optimists meets Tuesdays 7:30 pm at Sandy's in Olds. mountainviewoptimists@gmail.com ttn

BEGINNER'S SPANISH CLASS is being offered on Tuesday evenings for eight weeks beginning March 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information or to register please call Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society at 403-507-7750 or email: adultlearning@oldscollege.ca 11-12

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All board positions will be open for nomination. Vacant positions include: Ice Scheduler, President, Vice President, Director in Chief, Ref Coordinator, Governor, 2&27 Representative, and Fundraising Coordinator. Come out and make your voice heard! Registrations will also be accepted this evening.

Come out and play Home Town Hockey!

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector - David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Celebrating holy Eucharist 2 times per month.
Balance Sundays, Morning Prayer BCP alternating
with Morning Prayer BAS
Service times are 10:30 a.m.

Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue
Minister Nancy Nourse
Please join our church family for worship,
10 a.m. each Sunday,
Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.
Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.
For information about mid-week programming for
children, youth and adults please call 403-335-8373
or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles
Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 403-337-2020
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery available during service.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Berghal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,
8km E on Berghal Rd.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Mike Nima
For more information ph. - 403-335-4451

Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA
1509 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs
Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group
Small Group Bible Study meetings
throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 403-335-4422
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
For information concerning the weekly activities
please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Claude Baril 403-335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil 403-335-8611

Chinook Winds Christian Centre

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Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy. 582 & 20th Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
John Reimer, Associate Pastor
(Life Groups & Worship)
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor
(Global Connections & Youth)
Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries
Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries
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Dragons bounce back fr



Tyson Newton fights for possession of the ball during the Dragons game against the Rimbey Spartans Friday morning.

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Dragons finished the weekend in high spirits despite the upset of Friday morning's game that dashed their hopes of becoming provincial champions.

"Redeemed," said James Lefebvre of what he felt coming off the hard-court with a 80-68 win against Prairie Christian Sabres Saturday morning.

The boys went on to win the consolation game later that afternoon against Drumheller Dynos 76-65 placing fifth in the weekend tournament that had the top 12 2A teams competing at Didsbury High School.

"I was thinking today c tion is not that bad in itself a strong team playing aga top teams and still strong," said Lefebvre.

The boys chalk it up to that kept them from tak Rimbey Spartans Friday n — a team they've played and won by 20 points.

"It was nerves clammed up. We had defence but couldn't put in the net, we were missi finesse," said coach Johnson. "It's pretty toug you're favoured and expe win," he said.

The Dragons were tie Rimbey at ha with 33 poi pressure to a to the semi had both tea ting up a defence teams to a long-range Scores re close and

Bradon Overwater protects the ball from the Spartans



The Didsbury Dragons for the 2011



Dragons stand with competing teams during opening ceremonies Thursday.



The crowd cheers on the Didsbury Dragons during the Dragons game against the Rimbey Spartans.

From the coa

The Didsbury Dragons fell short of their goal to be provincial champions last weekend. The Boys lost a heartbreaking 62-60 decision to Rimbey Jr./Sr. High School in the second round of the tournament. It was the Dragons first game and as the second seed in the tournament they had a bye into the second round. The excitement, anxiety and pressure to perform in front of hundreds of fans took its toll and the Dragons scoring abilities suffered.

The Dragons were not alone in the upset department, first place seed Immanuel Christian also fell to a lower ranked team as did two high ranked

teams Canmore and Crescent Heights in 3A competition. Half of the teams in 2A and 3A with byes into the second round lost their first game and were out of the running. Picking yourself up after a devastating loss is extremely difficult to do and the Dragons were the only team out of the mentioned group that were able to do it. Canmore, Crescent Heights, and Immanuel Christian, all lost their next game as well and went home without a win or a rank. The Dragons however beat Prairie Christian Academy 80-68 and then Drumheller 76-65 to finish 5th in the province with a 3-6 and 5 record. This sea-



From heartbreak

Photos by Noel West

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end of third quarter Dragons were leading 50-46. With just under two minutes left in the game, Brandon Overwater brought the Dragons within one basket from tying with the Spartans.

The Dragons lost 60-62, keeping them from advancing to semi finals.

"It's tough. This is something we've been working towards for a long time," said Mark Dneek after the game.

The Dragons, a tight-knit team of 12 applied last season to host this year's provincials. The majority of team together since middle school worked with coach Johnson to improve their game score every year. The team just missed their chance to play at provincials in 2010 after losing their semi final game at zones by seven points. This season the Dragons have blazed through games, with a 33-4 win-loss score. They ranked second in the province for 2A teams

and took zone title for South Central Alberta two weeks ago.

Bound and determined, they aimed high and were ready to storm towards finals last weekend.

"Our hearts broke yesterday," said Johnson. "But we came back. I said 'Stand up, chest out shoulders out.' And that was tough to do, really tough after loss like that."

Immanuel Eagles, ranked number one in the province coming into the tournament, was knocked out in their first game against West Island and then lost their second game against Drumheller during their qualifying match for consolation game against the Dragons, said Johnson as an example.

"When we started with Prairie our spirits were still low. But they kept lifting as the game continued ... I'm really proud of them."

A stand-

ing ovation from the bulk of the crowd Saturday afternoon when the Dragons received their fifth place plaque, suggested spectators were proud as well.

"I felt their pain," said Grade 10 student Chantelle Neufeld who watched the Dragon's lose their first game of the weekend. "It hit hard for them but today they redeemed themselves."

"The community support has been amazing. Yesterday it felt like it was all over but its sweet fans were still here today even at the 9a.m. game. That really says something," said Keifer Paulgaard of the support.

There were 1,600 people who walked through the doors over the weekend and another 200 more who watched the game online.

"We've had a great weekend, everything ran smoothly," said Curtis Dick, vice-

prin-

ciple. "It's been a great atmosphere ... I've been seeing people without

direct ties to the school stopping in to watch the games," he said.

Picture Bute Kings captured gold this weekend after winning against La Crete Lancers 75-59, the last game of the weekend. West Island Wolves placed third Rimbey, fourth.



High School Jazz Band performs at the opening ceremony ASAA 2A Boys Provincial Championship Tournament.



photo courtesy Doug Newton

Each's corner

son resulted in Didsbury High Schools first ever zone championship and highest ever provincial finish. Our hearts were broken after that first game, but our backs were not. We picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves off and carried on. Doing this showed the tremendous depth of character and will of spirit that has always characterized these boys. I am comfortable speaking for everyone who has been involved with this team when I say we are so proud of them for their accomplishments on the court and most importantly their growth into fine young men. They have been ambassadors for our town and represented

Didsbury well all over the province.

Tournament Chair Ian Bates and the Didsbury High School Staff ran a top notch event this weekend. There was nothing but compliments from visiting coaches, officials, fans and delegates from the Alberta Athletic Association. The tournament included attention to detail well beyond what was required. Didsbury showed the province what a great place this is to live, work, play and raise families. It was so great for the 10 players that graduate this year to finish their careers in such an environment.

Yours in basketball,
Jeff Johnson



Dragons discuss strategy during a time out.

STAR STRUCK - Parker Neufeld looks to the sky for stars while brother Spencer checks out a close up of the moon. Grade 6 students were invited to All-Star Telescope south of Didsbury on Highway 2A to enjoy the wonders of the night sky. Both Jupiter and its' four moons, as well as Mercury were visible last Monday evening. "It's a fairly rare time during the year when you can spot Mercury," said owner Ken From. "So it was a special night for a lot of us," he said. The group also got to view the moon and the Seven Sisters, a star cluster. The next viewing date is Saturday April 30 at 9p.m. when Saturn will be a prominent item to see.

Sylvia Cole/Didsbury Review



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Community briefs

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Utility fees increasing

Effective May 1 utility rates are going up. Water and sewer rates will rise \$125 a year for the average consumer. Mountain View Water Commission has increased water rates 20 per cent and council recommended an additional increase of two per cent during budget deliberations in February as well as a ten per cent infrastructure increase for an average increase of \$77 a year. Sewer rates will see a two per cent increase, with ten per cent infrastructure increase as well totalling \$43 a year. Garbage pick up will jump \$6 a year.

FCSS funding approved

Council approved FCSS funding decisions that \$55,000 in grant money to ten community groups. Ten groups put forward an application and all ten did receive an allocation, though some were given less than requested. "The ten applications valued at just over \$62,000 ... Some were trimmed back just because there's not enough money," said Nicole Aasen, manager of community services. The ten groups included:

Healthy Families \$7,000; Chinook Arch Victim Services \$5,350; Didsbury Preschool Society \$47773.50; Mountain View Adult Learning \$4,000; Chinooks Edge School Division - Family School Wellness program \$13,638.64; Senior Support Services \$4,000; Didsbury Out of School Care \$7,000; Inspiring Change - teen program \$7,447.86; Mountain View ParentLink \$1,500; Alberta Mental Health and Addictions \$390.

Aasen also told council that \$2,000 has been put aside for any new groups that may come forward during the remainder of the year. If by September 2011 these funds have not been requested, another advertisement for funding applications will be placed in the newspaper for the above groups to apply for surplus funding.

Promotional budget awarded

Council has \$400 left in their promotional budget for the remainder of the year. Last week council approved \$5,595 in promotional request to 17 community groups requesting funding to a maximum of \$500 each. In an effort not to go over budget in 2011 as seen in 2010 council requested groups put forward applications for funding at the beginning of the year. All but one group was approved - Didsbury Horse Show who requested \$500 in cash.

"I have issues with a cash hand out. Everything else was for use of town facilities," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"I'd be more comfortable with an equipment donation," agreed councillor LaVar Adams.

Wetland project moves into phase two

Rubydale Asphalt Works Ltd. was chosen by council to complete phase 2 of the wetland project in the north industrial area of town.

The storm water management system, funded equally by the municipal, provincial and federal government will see a network of trails, ponds and observation decks created near Valarosa Crossing. The area will also boast educational plaques, viewing decks and about 1.5 kilometres of trail that will link up with Memorial Park. Phase 1 stated last spring and Foran Equipment dug out the 10 acres of wetland stretched out across the northwest of town, and constructed the pipeline to pump outfall from the north industrial area into the ponds. In phase 2, Rubydale will install a storm water conveyance system, installing concrete curb and gutters, and the paving of the roads and additional pathway systems in the north industrial subdivision. The next phase is landscaping. Council agreed to enter into a contract with Rubydale for the price of \$1,705,400.59 for the portion of the north industrial area - road work and storm water management project.



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SAY CHEESE - The Meadowlark Players, directed by Carla Newsham of Didsbury, perform "Look at Him" from the musical Honk at the TransCanada Theatre on last Wednesday. This was during the first full week of the Olds and Distric Kiwanis Music Festival that runs until the end of the month.

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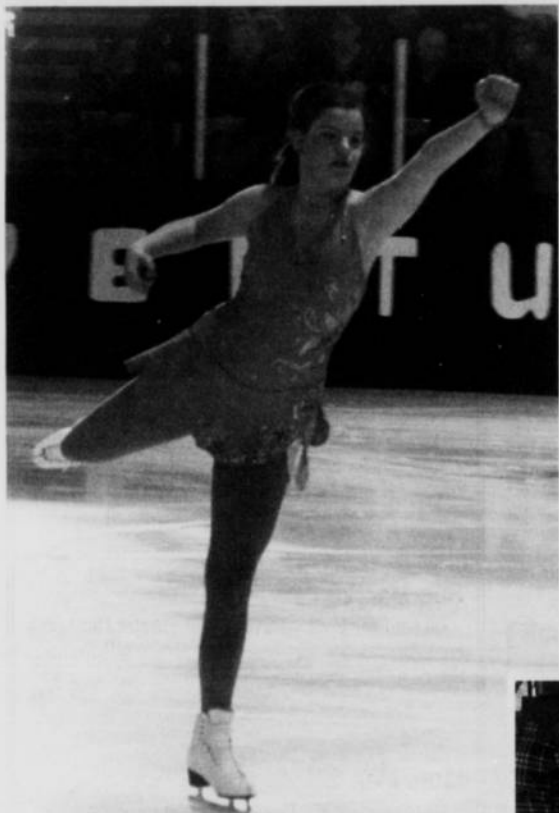


Special Areas Board



Municipal District of Foothills No. 31

Didsbury Figure Skating Club showcase talent



BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Seats were close to full Sunday afternoon when friends and family showed up to the Memorial Complex to watch the year end Skating Carnival. Students started practising their routines in February for the world tour themed event. Different countries were represented in each performance. To left, Grade 6 student Shandra Barlow performs a 'solo flight' to song *Penelope*. To right, Hayley Lukas of Sundre performs to *Andre Rieu*. Below, pre-cansate group dressed up and skated to *What's a Didgeridoo?* during the show's Australian stop. Thirteen solo performances were made and ten group performances. The group is finishing their year and will be back on ice next fall.



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More lagoon options surface

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

A research initiative by the School of Innovation at Olds College could help solve problems with Didsbury's lagoon, that's nearing maximum capacity.

Dr. Abiola and his research partners are waiting to hear back from Alberta Environment Minister to hear whether or not they can release efflu-

ent into the Rosebud River more than once a year.

"In the next five years the lagoon won't be able to keep up with the population increase ... we suggested researching multiple releases into the Rosebud River," said research technician Sarah Gil. She said they won't be able to apply for a \$55,000 grant to conduct research over the next four years unless they get the go-ahead from the ministry.

"We'd have to make sure the water quality downstream and upstream and everything like that is OK before we go ahead." She said they would monitor the content within the lagoon to make sure it reaches the right criteria before it was released. "Then we would be looking at monitoring the water prior to the release, after the release and probably a little but afterwards as well to make sure nothing has

changed both at the site of the release and downstream."

The town is facing crunch time for finding solutions for the ongoing lagoon issue that will soon be too small to hold the town's waste.

"I think this is a very unique opportunity to study something like this that could have positive impact for us and other communities in similar situations," said mayor Brian Wittal. "It could see numbers aren't harming (the river) and is possibly being beneficial. That would certainly help address concerns of ours," he said.

The research proposal is just one possibility being considered.

The mayor and administration met with EPCOR last month to discuss the possibility of having the company come in to operate the lagoon system. High River and Taber have just completed the process with EPCOR and town officials are looking to get feedback of the experience as well as costs associated.

"We're looking at different alternatives ... and will look at a few different scenarios."

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West Didsbury 4-H Club UPDATE

Here's the latest update from West Didsbury 4-H Club. We have completed our Public Speaking portion of the year, with a few of our members moving on to Areas Public Speaking, which was held at the Bergen Church. From there, one of the club's senior members, Ryan Hunter, moved on to District Public Speaking, which was held at Olds College. Congratulations Ryan!

Most of our members attended the Olds Multi-Judging competition earlier this year as well. It was a great day of judging, but horrible for weather. Too much snow! Coming up this year, we are having another Electronics (as well as) Tire Round-Up. We haven't set a specific date for it yet, so be sure to keep a look out for more news! Until then, be sure to hold on to all of those old TVs and computers and used tires. We are also working on getting our steers ready for our upcoming show and sale. We will be reporting back soon, so keep a watch out for our next article. Thanks.

Cody Miller, West Didsbury 4-H Club

Cops believe break-in, car thefts connected

Vehicle stolen from airport returns to owner's home

BY JOSH SKAPIN
For the Review

Didsbury RCMP believe a vehicle stolen from the Calgary International Airport may have kicked-off a string of incidents currently under investigation.

Police say a 2006 maroon-coloured Ford truck was stolen from the airport March 14.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said police believe the person or persons used personal information found inside the vehicle to track down the residence of the owner in Crossfield.

"When you park your vehicle long-term at an airport, criminals will take advantage of that," Jacobson said.

"If they steal the vehicle they may assume that nobody is at home and may be on vacation.

"The recommendation that I would have is that if you're parking a vehicle somewhere long-term, to remove your registration documents, bills or anything that you might have in there that links your vehicle back to your residence, and to remove garage door openers from your vehicle."

When the subject or subjects arrived at the owner's residence with the stolen vehicle, they discovered that the home had not been vacated.

"The occupant recognized their vehicle that was stolen from the airport and called the police right away," Jacobson said, adding the file started in the hands of Airdrie Rural RCMP.

"We were advised that there was a stolen vehicle in the area and that it was perhaps headed for the

Didsbury area," Jacobson said.

"Ultimately, we had several patrol vehicles on the road looking for the vehicle coming into our area and did not come across the vehicle."

Later that day, RCMP learned that a blue 1995 Chevrolet truck was stolen from a rural residence near Rge. Rd. 34, southwest of Cremona.

"The truck was subsequently abandoned and located on Highway 2," Jacobson said.

"We had not ruled out that the individuals who stole this truck perhaps had laid low and found a different vehicle to depart the area with."

Between 2:30-4:30 p.m. March 15, an unknown person or persons entered a rural residence near Rge. Rd. 23, southwest of Carstairs through an

unlocked door. Police say the intruders made away with a jewellery box.

While responding to that call, Jacobson said RCMP were then called to another incident on Rge. Rd. 24. The vehicle that had been stolen from the airport the previous day was found burnt out by a wellhead, Jacobson said.

"We have reason to believe that vehicle was involved with that break and enter earlier in the day at the rural residence," Jacobson said.

"We are continuing to investigate and follow up on a number of leads and are coordinating our investigation with the Airdrie detachment and Calgary Police Service." Anyone with information related to any of the incidents are encouraged to contact Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.

In and Around Didsbury



Marge St Clair

A brief review of important dates:

Wed, Mar. 23

"Coffee and Conversation" at the Didsbury Museum from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Special guest speaker Mrs. Beverley Cheesmur.

Thurs. Mar. 24

Seniors afternoon at Eldon Foote Hall after 1:30 p.m. Great entertainment for all, refreshments served.

Fri. Mar. 25

OLD TIME DANCE at the Didsbury 5-0 Club, 2500-15th Ave. Last Friday of each month beginning tonite from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Live Music - lunch to follow. Singles welcome. There is a small cost per person.

Sat. Mar. 26

Be sure you have your ticket for Theatre Didsbury's comedy "Anyone for Breakfast?" in the MP Room at the Complex. Doors open at 6 p.m., play at 7 p.m. Tickets at the Curling Rink 335-3661 or Amanda 335-8664, Front Porch Realty and at the door.

Mon. Mar. 28

Open house at the Library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 30

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Thurs. Mar. 31

This is the deadline date for your money to be in to Tom 403-518-6247 to reserve your seat on the Community Bus to the Rosebud School of the Arts on Apr. 14 leaving the Complex at 10 a.m. You will enjoy the lunch buffet, the play and the time for shopping, arriving home around 6 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 2

Didsbury Museum Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Auction in the MP Room at the Complex at 5:30 p.m. Silent Auction Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment by Meteorcat (Guitar and Vocals) Door prize - gift package from Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions. Advance tickets only from Shirley 335-3277, Frankie 335-3633 or the Museum 335-9295. Special dietary needs on request. Rides for seniors can be arranged. Everyone is welcome to attend. The quilt raffle draw at 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Apr. 5

The Didsbury District Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. in Unit 4 at the Hospital. New members always welcome.

Sat. Apr. 9

St. Hilda's Chapter I.O.D.E. is having the Annual Military Whist Party at the Masonic Hall, play starts at 7 p.m. Lunch to follow and food hampers to be raffled. Phone Birgit at 403-335-3680 for tickets. All proceeds are used for the Didsbury High School Scholarships.

Tues. Apr. 12

Mountainview Christian Women's Breakfast will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury starting at 9:30 a.m. "Spring Fashions Refind". Special feature - Fashion Show by Refind Clothing Décor - Olds. Special Music - Twyla Penner. Special Speaker - Genevieve Bloom. For reservations, please phone Ann 403-335-8444 or Vicki 403-335-3500. Please honor your reservation, cancel it or give it to a friend. Free babysitting.

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A private family service will be held. Friends joined Brian's family for a gathering at Bogey's Pub in Airdrie on Monday, March 21, 2011 from 7 to 9 p.m. Please forward condolences through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. If friends so desire, donations may be made to the Linda Pothier Memorial Fund, in care of Westglen School (Bag 200, Didsbury AB T0M 0W0, payable to Westglen School).

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